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	KARNATAKA	
4.	UKP Statc-II	190.39
5.	Gandorinala	8.094
	ORISSA	
6.	Pottcru	7.263
7.	Naraj Barrage	Stabilisation
	PUNJAB	
8.	Shahpur Kandi WEST	37.173
	BENGAL	
9.	Subcrnarekha Barrage	114.198

Policy on water sharing

† 2516. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got formulated any guidelines for preparing unanimously acceptable formula with regard to water sharing;

(b) if so, the details of the said guidelines;

(c) when these guidelines were prepared;

(d) whether action has been taken to bring consensus of all the States on these directions; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken and when such an action was taken alongwith the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) to (c) The draft National Policy guidelines for water allocation amongst States were formulated by the National Water Board in 1994 and were discussed by the Board during its

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

6th and special meetings held on 17th March, 1994, 16th and 22nd June, 1994 respectively. The guidelines enumerate various concepts and definitions related to rivers, river valleys arid river basins, co-basins States, watersheds and catchments, storage, withdrawal, consumptive use and utilisation. The broad objective of the guidelines is to optimally harness the inter-State river waters for the betterment of the people of the co-basin States/Union Territories to the extent such development are not detrimental 4o the interests of other co-basin States. General principles incorporated in the guidelines for allocation of water are; equitable apportionment, allocation amongst States *vis-a-vis* allocation amongst uses, right of water use, inter-basin diversion, protection of existing uses, existing inter-State agreements, parties to the process of allocation, water quality, long distance water transfer (LDWT) etc. The guidelines also enumerate various factors for equitable distribution of water such as contribution of each of the basin States in the water resources of the basin, demand made by the States and its practicability for utilisation, availability of alternative sources etc. It also has provision for review of the allocation once made.

The draft guidelines were considered by National Water Resources Council (NWRC) during its 3rd meeting held on 6th February, 1996. The State expressed divergent views on these guidelines. The draft guidelines were reviewed by the National Water Board in its 8th and 9th meetings held on 6th November. 1996 and 19th November, 1997 respectively after detailed deliberations and certain modifications, a majority of the members of the Board arrived at a broad consensus in its 9th meeting. The draft guidelines so modified were placed before NWRC in its 4th meeting held on 7th July, 2000 where *no* consensus could be arrived at. The National Water Resources Council in its 5th meeting held on 1st April. 2002 has again referred the draft guidelines to the National Water Board for having a re-look and arriving at a consensus on the draft guidelines.